



Youth Leadership Program with Algeria Information for Applicants

Application Deadline: **March, 30, 2013**

Program Description: Secondary school students and educators from Algeria are invited to apply for participation in the Youth Leadership Program with Algeria. The four-week U.S.-based exchange program, tentatively scheduled for June 13-July 14, 2013, will focus on the primary themes of civic education, youth leadership development, respect for diversity, and community engagement, and the sub-theme of applied communications. Participants will engage in a variety of activities, such as workshops on leadership and service, community site visits related to the program themes, interactive training and discussion groups, small group work, presentations, local cultural activities, home stays with American families, and other activities.

This is an intensive program with three segments: A pre-departure orientation in Algiers; a four-week program in Reno and Lake Tahoe, Nevada that will offer 25 students and three educators the opportunity to explore the principles of leadership and community engagement in the United States; and follow-on activities, where participants will conduct projects in their home communities. The program will be intensive, academic, and highly interactive. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants who are ready to develop their skills in order to be effective leaders in their schools and communities.

What else do I need to know?

The United States Government, in conjunction with its private partners, will pay for ground transportation to and from Algiers, international transportation to and from the United States, orientations, program fees and administration, site visits and seminars, lodging and most meals, some cultural activities, educational materials, accident and sickness coverage, and a modest amount of pocket money. Participants will stay with volunteer host families.

Participants are responsible for expenses related to the application process (copying, mailing, photographs, etc.), passport fees, and spending money for souvenirs, telephone calls, and other personal items in the United States.

Participants will travel to the United States on J-1 exchange visitor visas provided through this program. By accepting this visa, participants will be subject to a two-year home residency requirement, meaning they must return to and live in Algeria for a total of two years before they would be eligible for an immigrant or temporary worker U.S. visa. This does not restrict other types of visas, however, so this would not prevent you from being able to apply for a student visa to attend university, for example.